

CHAPTER 27
Signs and Outdoor Advertising

27.07 Maintenance of Signs (Am. #1-19)

(Am. #17-11) (Am. #1-19)

- (1) Maintenance Required.** All Signs, Awnings, and their supporting structures, including chains and cables, shall be properly maintained:

 - (a)** To prevent rust, rot, peeling, fading, or similar deterioration.
 - (b)** To prevent becoming so old, dilapidated, or out of repair as to be dangerous or unsafe to persons or property.
 - (c)** In compliance with the construction and stability provisions of §27.03(6)(g).
 - (d)** No sign, awning, or sign support structure shall be in such a state of disrepair that it is an obvious detriment to the visual character of the neighborhood and has a devaluing influence upon it.
- (2) Obsolete Signs.**

 - (a)** Any sign erected for the fundamental purpose of proposing an economic transaction which no longer relates to the use of the premises due to a change in occupancy or use shall be removed within 15 days of the change which rendered such sign obsolete by the owner thereof.
 - (b)** Sign support structures must be removed if they are left empty for a period of more than 30 days and the property owner or occupant has not submitted a Sign Permit Application for updated signs.
 - (c)** Sign support structures may not be left empty for more than 120 days after a Sign Permit has been approved for them.
 - (d)** In addition to any other remedies available under the law, if an obsolete sign is not removed within the 15 day period, or if any sign support structure is not removed within the 30 or 120 day period, the City Planner may issue a written notice and order to the property owner to remove the sign. If the property owner fails to remove the sign within 30 days of receipt of the order, the City may prosecute an action in the circuit court or municipal court for an order of the court requiring the owner to comply with the order.

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